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“I AM A ROCK” BY PAUL SIMON – QUESTIONS

After reading the poem “I Am a Rock” by Paul Simon, complete the following questions either alone or with a partner. Be prepared to take up your responses with the class.

VOCABULARY

Complete the chart below to discover the meaning of the bold terms in the poem.

Bold Term	Definition (in your own words, please!)	Two other words that could be used instead
Gazing		
Shroud		
Fortress		
Penetrate		
Disdain		
Disturb		
Shielded		
Armor		
Womb		

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INTERPRETATION

List two examples of imagery from this poem:

1. _____
2. _____

List two metaphors in this poem:

1. _____
2. _____

List two ways in which this poem is ironic:

1. _____

2. _____

Describe the attitude of this writer. Try to use some of the new words you learned on the other side of this page, and our new vocabulary words for this unit, in your explanation.
